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Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute Leads Delegation to Taiwan

Ten distinguished American leaders landed in Taiwan this morning to begin a series of political, diplomatic, security, and business engagements

Simi Valley, CA – A delegation of distinguished Americans, led by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI), landed in Taiwan this morning to begin a five-day study mission at the invitation of the Taiwan government. The visit serves as an opportunity to strengthen the friendship and ties between Taiwan and the United States, learn about the security issues Taiwan faces, and promote shared values of freedom, democracy, and economic opportunity.

“The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is honored to lead this delegation to Taiwan, a vibrant democracy and key economic partner in the Indo-Pacific region,” said David Trulio, President and CEO of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “The Taiwanese people share President Reagan’s enduring principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, and freedom and democracy. We look forward to a fruitful week of substantive discussions and visits.”

The delegation, composed of leaders with deep experience across government, public policy, and business, will participate in a series of meetings designed to strengthen ties between the United States and Taiwan, including engagements with the Taiwan government, multiple political parties, diplomats, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as defense and business leaders.

Delegation participants are:

- **David Trulio**, President and CEO of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
- **Roger Zakheim**, Director of the Ronald Reagan Institute
- **Michael Allen**, Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies, and former Staff Director, U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- **Melissa Giller**, Chief Marketing Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
- **Rachel Hoff**, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
- **Mark Isakowitz**, Vice President, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google, and former Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Rob Portman

- **Heino Klinck**, Co-Chairman, Board of Advisors, National Bureau of Asian Research, and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia
- **Kent Lucken**, Managing Director, Citigroup, and former Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
- **James Talent**, Chairman, Reagan Institute National Leadership Council, and former U.S. Senator
- **Mac Thornberry**, Former Chairman, U.S. House Armed Service Committee

“This delegation builds on the policy work of the Reagan Institute, which promotes peace through strength as well as security and freedom for the Taiwanese people,” said Roger Zakheim, Washington Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.

The Reagan Foundation previously hosted President Tsai Ing-wen and former U.S. Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, and accompanying government officials and bi-partisan legislators, in April 2023 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. President Tsai previously visited the Reagan Library in 2018.

“RRPFI's upcoming visit to Taiwan demonstrates its solidarity with the people of Taiwan, in the face of growing authoritarian threat to the shared values exemplified by President Reagan,” said Bi-khim Hsiao, Taiwan Representative to the United States. “We look forward to in-depth discussions with RRPFI's delegation on issues of mutual concern.”

President Reagan helped to establish the groundwork for U.S. relations with Taiwan through the Six Assurances in 1982, which continue to inform U.S. diplomacy with Taipei in the modern day. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is eager to engage with Taiwanese leadership and continue to advance President Reagan’s vision of a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

To learn more about the Ronald Reagan Foundation and Institute and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, please visit: www.reaganfoundation.org.

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion, the award-winning Leadership Academy and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation’s mission in Washington, D.C.

The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President and former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

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